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URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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JOINT PROJECTS BY INDIA AND IRAN
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether India has offered help to Iran in improving the infrastructure in large cities in Iran such as Tehran; and

(b): if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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(a)&(b): During the visit of Government of India delegation to Iran on the invitation from Government of Iran from 9th-11th April, 2002 some broad areas for cooperation between the two countries in the field of housing and urban development have been identified. However, the areas to be covered for mutual cooperation would need to be incorporated in the draft agreement between the two countries. This draft agreement which is to be initiated by the Iranian side has not yet been received from the Iran Government so far.

The broad areas identified are:

(a) Joint venture between NBCC and Iranian partners to undertake construction projects in Iran, India and third countries such as Afghanistan.

(b) Close cooperation between Delhi Metro Rail Corporation and Tehran Metro through sharing of technical experience and exchange of visits of technical experts.

(c) Development of dedicated green areas and parks in Tehran and New Delhi by Tehran Municipality and D D A with bilateral cooperation.

(d) Designate one metro city each in India and Iran as sister cities for mutual benefit in the area of municipal governance.

(e) Close technical cooperation between Building Material and Technology Promotion Council of India and Building and Housing Research Centre of Iran through exchange of technical expertise.

Further action would depend upon the submission of draft agreement by the Government of Iran, to the Government of India.